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[492] The fact that there are no buses here is a
[492] big hindrance. However, the horses help for
● 481 short runs. The assistant gives the travel
178 times on foot in the old days and now. It
shows that they walk much faster now than be-
fore. The world is speeding up! It used to
take a day to walk to Ruteng; now they do it
in three hours!

829 In general there is no fear of the outside.
789 In the old days they feared robbery and murder,
609 as outsiders were fair game for such. Magical
danger is only encountered in certain places
which are well known.

776 There are many kinds of roro, or spirits,
784 e.g., darat (tree), naga (house and kampong),
potiwolo (woods). Although the others may be
good or evil, the potiwolo are always wicked.
They live in woods. For example, they live
in the taboo grove on the way to Ruteng.
Darat live there too. The potiwolo sneak up
and hit their victims. Thus it is dangerous
to go into the woods in such an area, and they
never enter such a grove alone. The assistant
tells that as a boy with his father he was
afraid to enter this wooded area. These poti-
wolo look like men but have goat bodies. They
have two arms but only one leg. They either
run on all three, or hop along on the one leg.
There are other local spirits, and the places
where they live are avoided.

20 Formerly no letters were sent in this area
at all, and even today, nearly none is written.
There is no telephone here and no telegraph.
There is a telephone and there are phonograms
in Ruteng. There is no radio here. Letters
come to Ruteng and stay there until the post
office sees a man who happens to be going the
right way. Then he passes the word along. A
letter may take three months to be received.
Even the phonogram I sent was delayed for two